

## Conditionals - Type 3

### Introduction

1) Conditionals are sentences with two clauses – a main clause and an *if* clause. Conditionals state that the action in the main clause can only take place if a certain condition in the *if* clause is fulfilled.

*If we don't hurry, we will be late!*

2) There are five main types of conditionals in English.

Conditionals Type 3 or third conditionals are used to describe a past event that is different to what really happened. These sentences are solely hypothetical, thus there is always some implication of regret.

*If we hadn't booked this trip, we wouldn't have missed her graduation ceremony. (We wanted to be at her graduation ceremony but we missed it because we were on a trip somewhere else.)*

Use the past perfect tense in the *if* clause and *would have + the past participle* in the main clause. Note that the order of the main and *if* clauses is not fixed. Although when the *if* clause precedes the main one, use a comma.

IF clause	MAIN clause
<b>If + past perfect</b>	<b>would have + Ved/past participle</b>
<i>If we had bought that lottery ticket,</i>	<i>we would have won.</i>
<i>If Jake hadn't drunk that night,</i>	<i>he wouldn't got into the car accident.</i>

Note that both *would* and *had* can be contracted to *'d*. Remember that *would* never appears in the *if* clause.

*If I **had** known that, I **would** have warned you. = If I'**d** known that, I'**d** have warned you.*

**Short Story Dialogue**

– *Would you have come to my party if you had known that Meredith was there?*

*I definitely wouldn't come to your party if I had known she was there. I'm glad that I saw her standing somewhere in the crowd right when I entered your place and had a chance to avoid the greeting part.*

– *If I had known that you two weren't on good terms, I wouldn't have invited her.*

– *It's already in the past. Don't worry about it.*

**Independent Practice - Conditionals - Type 3**

**1) Match the sentences.**

a. If Emma would have been more attentive,	1. we wouldn't have been lost.
b. If there had been Wi-Fi,	2. I wouldn't have been staying up late working on my thesis.
c. Erick would have lost the fight	3. we would have won the cup.
d. If I had been better at time management,	4. you would have known the news.
e. If Pam had written a shopping list,	5. she wouldn't have failed the class.
f. If you had called me last week,	6. she wouldn't have forgotten to buy tea.
g. If your team would have scored more goals,	7. if he hadn't worked out every single day.

**2) Write three sentences with third conditionals.**

a. ....
b. ....
c. ....

**Independent Practice: Answers - Conditionals - Type 3**

**1) Match the sentences.**

a. If Emma would have been more attentive,	5. she wouldn't have failed the class.
b. If there had been Wi-Fi,	1. we wouldn't have been lost.
c. Erick would have lost the fight	7. if he hadn't worked out every single day.
d. If I had been better at time management,	2. I wouldn't have been staying up late working on my thesis.
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**2) Write three sentences with third conditionals. Sample Answers:**

- a. If you hadn't woken me up, I would have been late.
- b. If we had arrived earlier, we wouldn't have missed the plane.
- c. If Susan hadn't drunk last night, she wouldn't have been hungover.